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SUBJECT: LOS: DAILY REPORT, COMMITTEE I, JULY 19, 1974

1. COMMITTEE I (C-1) HELD FIRST INFORMAL MEETINGS UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF CHRIS PINTO (SRI LANKA) JULY 19. CHAIRMAN HAD CONDUCTED INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON JULY 18 WHICH RESULTED IN GENERAL PROCEDURAL AGREEMENT TO BEGIN WORK WITH RAPID THIRD READING OF SEABED COMMITTEE TEXTS ON INTERNATIONAL REGIME. UPON COMPLETION OF REGIME SECTION COMMITTEE WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH THIRD READING OF MACHINERY ARTICLES OR TO BEGIN DEBATE ON MAJOR ISSUES OF DISAGREEMENT. CHAIRMAN'S CONSULTATIONS ALSO RESULTED IN APPROVAL OF FORMATION OF SMALL INFORMAL DRAFTING GROUP FOR PURPOSE OF EXPEDITING WORK.

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2. JULY 19 INFORMAL MEETINGS OF C-1 COMPLETED

THRID READING OF ARTICLES 1 THROUGH 7 IN REGIME, ALTHOUGH SUBSTANTIAL WORK ON ARTICLES CONCERNING COMMON HERITAGE OF MANKIND, NON-APPROPRIATION AND BENEFIT OF MANKIND REMAINS TO BE DONE BY DRAFTING GROUP. C-1 DID NOT DISCUSS ARTICLE 1 ON LIMITS, NOR WERE ANY CHANGES MADE IN EXISTING TEXTS ON ARTICLES 3, 5, AND 6. IT WAS AGREED THAT QUESTION OF WHAT KIND OF ACTIVITIES ARE TO BE COVERED BY REGIME WAS ONE OF MAJOR ISSUES TO BE RESERVED FOR LATER DEBATE.

3. PRINCIPAL ISSUE IN DEBATE ON COMMON HERITAGE TEXT WAS

WHETHER PRINCIPLE OF COMMON HERITAGE HAS INDEPENDENT LEGAL STATUS IRRESPECTIVE OF LOS CONVENTION OR WHETHER IT WILL ONLY ACQUIRE LEGAL MEANING THROUGH TREATY PROVISIONS. US C-1 REP (RATINER) MADE STRONG INTERVENTION IN WHICH HE EXPLAINED US VIEW THAT PRINCIPLE DOES NOT HAVE INDEPENDENT LEGAL MEANING UNTIL SUCH TIME AS TREATY IS NEGOTIATED AND UNIVERSALLY ACCEPTED.

4. MOST OF AFTERNOON SESSION OF COMMITTEE WAS DEVOTED TO

DEBATE ON WHETHER COASTAL STATES, AS WELL AS LAND-LOCKED AND OTHER GEOGRAPHICALLY DISADVANTAGED STATES, DESERVED SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR BENEFITS FROM INTERNATIONAL AREA. LAND-LOCKED AND SHELF-LOCKED DELEGATIONS DEMONSTRATED GREATER STRENGTH AND COHESIVENESS THAN HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN NOTED IN SEABED COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS OF DDEP SEABED. STEVENSON

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